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*David Bruce—diplomat extraordinary—is the only American in history to serve as ambassador to France, Germany and Britain*

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**L**IBERATION Day, Paris, 1944. An American colonel and a Navy commander are walking down the Avenue Foch. Suddenly a sniper fires. The officers wriggle under a parked truck. A Frenchman beneath another truck across the street waves a bottle of wine invitingly. Colonel and commander glance at each other, nod and crawl over. There, while sporadic bullets spatter out-

side, the trio drinks a toast to an international job well done.

Today the former colonel, David K. E. Bruce, is still in the thick of international jobs, still seeing them through to the end. Now a graying, soft-spoken, urbane 63-year-old diplomat, Bruce is the only American in history to have served as ambassador at the three key posts of Paris, Bonn and, currently, the Court of St. James's in London.

Through his own personal and